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1. TURKISH MEDIA COVERAGE OF NIMETZ VISIT TO CYPRUS
CONTINUES TO BE LIGHT SEPTEMBER 8. OF MAJOR DAILIES, ONLY
MILLIYET AND TERCUMAN CARRY STORY, AND THESE ARE ON
INSIDE PAGES. TWO SMALLER PAPERS, LEFTIST ULUS AND
RIGHTIST BAYRAK, CARRY FRONT PAGE ITEMS ON VISIT. WE
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STILL HAVE SEEN NO EDITORIAL COMMENT.

2. CONSERVATIVE TERCUMAN CONTINUES TO EMPHASIZE PROTESTS
AGAINST NIMETZ VISIT IN THE "TURKISH FEDERATED STATE OF
CYPRUS." REPEATING ITS STORY ON THE RIGHT-WING PROTESTS
WHICH GREETED NIMETZ ON WEDNESDAY, TERCUMAN SAYS THAT A
LEFTIST YOUTH ORGANIZATION ISSUED A STATEMENT ON THURSDAY

CRITICIZING U.S. MOTIVES IN CYPRUS. SMALL CIRCULATION, RIGHT-WING BAYRAK ALSO HIGHLIGHTS THE DEMONSTRATIONS AND ADDS THAT TURKISH CYPRIOT YOUTHS PROTESTED AGAINST THE RETURN OF VAROSHA.

3. PRO-GOVERNMENT MILLIYET ALSO CONTINUES ITS STRAIGHT-FORWARD REPORTING OF THE VISIT ON SEPTEMBER 8. NOTING THAT NIMETZ HAS DEPARTED THE ISLAND, MILLIYET SAYS GREEK CYPRIOT POLITICAL CIRCLES ARE EMPHASIZING THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE GREEK CYPRIOT POSITION AND THAT PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU TOLD NIMETZ THE GOC WILL MAKE NO CONCESSIONS. IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT REPORTED IN SEVERAL PAPERS, MILLIYET QUOTES THE GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS AS SAYING THE GOC IS PLANNING TO APPLY TO THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL AGAIN.

4. ALSO ALLEGEDLY QUOTING GREEK CYPRIOT POLITICAL SOURCES, LEFTIST ULUS REPORTS:

-- NIMETZ BROUGHT NO PROPOSALS;

-- THE COUNSELLOR WAS TOLD THE TURK CYPRIOTS MUST PRESENT NEW, REASONABLE PROPOSALS BEFORE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS CAN BE INITIATED; AND,

-- KYPRIANOU TOLD NIMETZ THE U.S. MUST PUT EFFECTIVE
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PRESSURE ON TURKEY TO MAKE CONCESSIONS IN CYPRUS.
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